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RE: NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES: 96491 61-3176

FACTS DEVELOPED:

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At New York, N.Y.

Today Agent was in conference with WALTER WHITE, Asst. Secretary of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, and MR. ARTHUR SPINGARN (member of the Board of Directors of the above named Association.)

MR. WHITE informed Agent that the great negro unrest in this country, so far as their investigations have gone, is due to the lynching and burning of negroes at stake in the south, and also that the KU KLUX KLAN activities have a great deal to do with the existing conditions. MR. SPINGARN stated that their men have investigated in the past year, more than one hundred lynchings and burnings of negroes in the south, and they have found in nine out of every ten cases that the negro was absolutely not at fault--farther, that they feel if the Government, and especially the Department of Justice do not take some action in the very near future, they expect there will be some very serious trouble in this country with certain classes and types of negroes; that they are doing all in their power to prevent radicalism among the negroes, but they intend to do all in their power at the very next election to keep the

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men out of power who have voted against or refused to support the ANTI-Lynch bill relative to mob law.

Agent also interviewed [redacted] who informed that [redacted] and is now living with his mother, and is doing all in his power to promote and enlarge the organization known as the AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD, (Negro Radical Organization.)

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Agent was engaged during the above period interviewing informants, etc., and obtaining information relative to the activities of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, THE AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD, etc.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
69 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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Hon. Calvin Coolidge,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. President:

As evidence of the continued inability of the states to apprehend and punish lynchers, I send you enclosed a clipping from The Macon (Ga.) Telegraph of March 3. I wish to call your attention to the statement made therein, both in the headline and in the account of the lynching of a Negro in Georgia on March 2, that the lynchers are all well known in the community and that there was no attempt at concealment of features.

We have today wired Governor Cliff M. Walker of Georgia as follows:

"On March first, a Negro accused of crime was captured by a mob and burned at the stake near the town of Rocky Ford, Screven County, Georgia. So reliable a paper as The Macon Telegraph in printing an account of this lynching states in the headline 'Lynchers All Well Known,' and in the body of the article, 'Men well known in the community were in the mob. There was no attempt at concealment of features.' We note that you have offered a reward of five hundred dollars for the apprehension of guilty persons. We earnestly urge that in order that the State of Georgia vindicate the law and uphold its sovereignty you also call upon the police authorities of Screven County, particularly the sheriff, and use all the available police powers of the State at your command to secure the prompt arrest, prosecution and punishment of the murderers whose identity and connection with the crime are known. We urge this irrespective of the guilt or innocence of the victim, which cannot now be determined by due process of law."

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We submit this matter as sustaining the correctness of the statement made by you in your first message to Congress, that "the Congress ought to exercise all its powers of prevention and

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punishment against the hideous crime of lynching.

May we, in offering this new example of sub bestiality which disgraces and humiliates America before the civilized world, respectfully and earnestly request you to urge upon the incoming Congress the necessity for enactment of an adequate law making lynching a federal crime.

Sincerely yours,

James Weldon Johnson
Secretary

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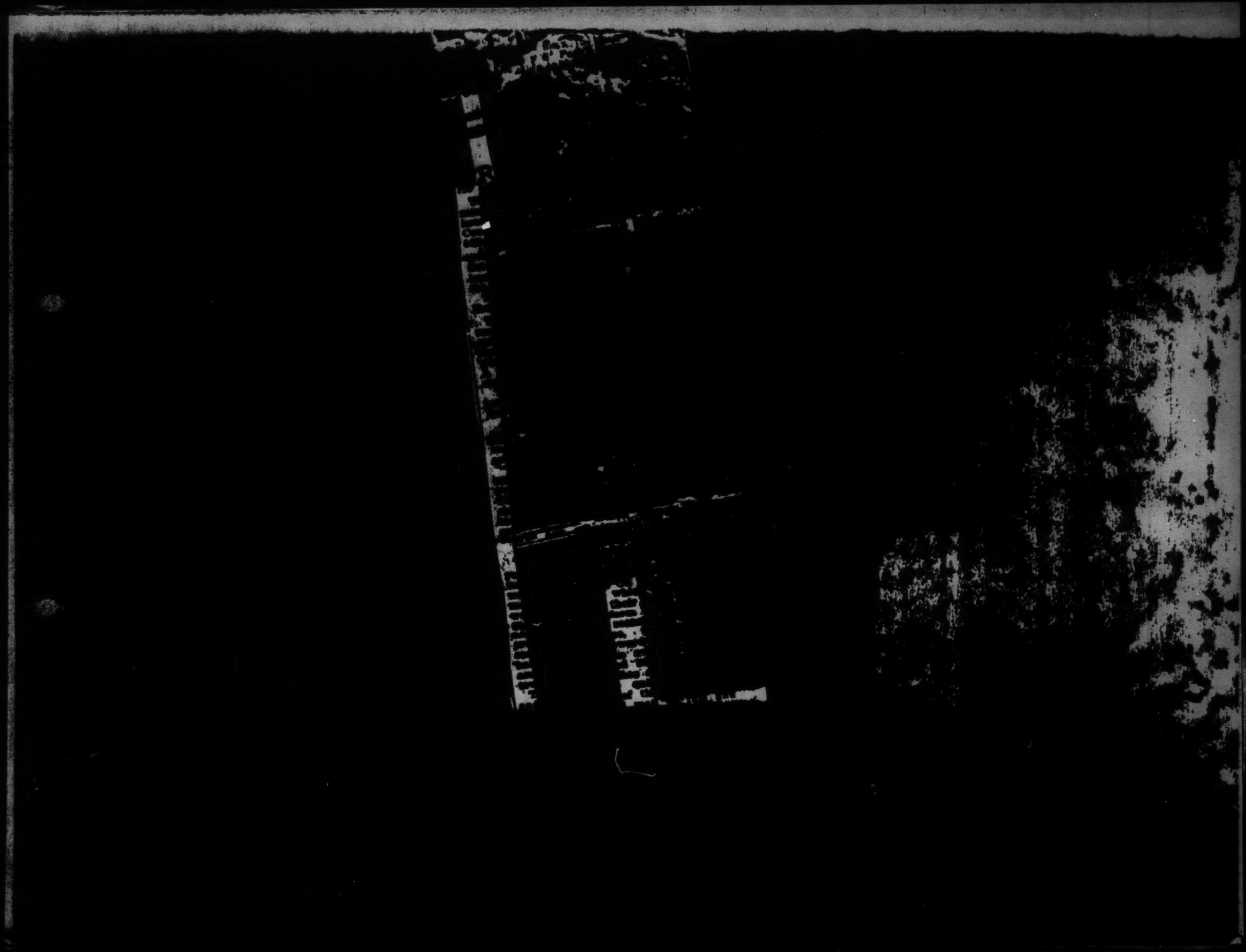

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

April 19, 1930

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

There is attached hereto a memorandum upon the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, based upon information contained in the Bureau's files.

Respectfully,

T F Baughman

T.F.Baughman.

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[redacted] New York. A letterhead of the [redacted] directed to the Attorney General on February 7, [redacted] National Officers as President, Morfield Story; Archibald H. Grimke, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Dr. Joel Elias Spingarn, and Oswald Garrison Villard. The officers cited Mary White Ovington, Chairman of the Board; Spingarn, Treasurer; Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Editor of the Crisis; Robert W. Bagnall, Director of Branches; William [redacted] Secretary; James Weldon Johnson, [redacted] Field Secretary. The letter referred to [redacted] against mob violence directed [redacted] peonage conditions at Shubuta, Mississippi.

The activities of this organization are along the lines indicated by its name; i.e., the advancement of colored people along political, economic, and social lines. The organization has been active in protesting against and combating practices which have been indicated in the lynching of and attacks upon members of the United States. It is engaged in the dissemination of literature which is designed to [redacted] called upon Anti-Lynching Bills introduced in Congress [redacted] years.

In the December [redacted] issue of the [redacted] Walter White, Secretary, [redacted] Association for the Advancement of Colored People, [redacted] Johnson, [redacted] of Georgia, [redacted] of Congress, this editorial [redacted] Lynching in the United States over a period of [redacted] passage of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill [redacted]

[redacted] organization has also been [redacted] propaganda for the liberation of [redacted] United States by the [redacted] Federal Building for publication [redacted] In 1917, the 24th Infantry, [redacted] Texas, [redacted] riot in which, [redacted] by James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, bearing a petition said to be signed by 50,000 persons, called upon President Harding, asking for the pardon of those members of the 24th U. S. Infantry who were confined in the Leavenworth Penitentiary for their participation in the Houston, Texas riot.

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I am attaching hereto a summary of the material appearing in our files upon the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Should you want additional information and will advise me, I will be very glad to endeavor to obtain it.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Director.

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Washington, D. C.

April 19, 1930

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

There is attached hereto a further memorandum relative to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Respectfully,

T. F. Baughman.

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Washington, D. C.

April 19, 1930

RE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

With further reference to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the following additional information was obtained at the Congressional Library, from the 8th and 9th annual reports of that Association covering the years 1917 to 1924, inclusive, and from an examination of additional periodicals in the files:

The Association was organized in February, 1909, and incorporated in May, 1911 under the laws of the State of New York; national headquarters 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City; official organ, "The Crisis" published monthly. Purposes of the Association committed to the securing for colored Americans the common rights of American citizenship:

A vote for every negro on the same terms as for white men and women.

An equal chance to acquire the kind of an education that will enable the negro everywhere wisely to use his choice.

A fair trial in the courts for all crimes of which he is accused, by Judges in whose election he has participated without discrimination because of race.

A right to sit upon the jury which passes judgment upon him.

Defense against lynching and burning at the hands of mobs.

Equal service on railroad, and other public carriers, including sleeping cars, dining cars, Pullman service, on the same terms as other passengers

Welfare and defense of colored soldiers.

Equal right to use public parks, libraries, and other community services for which he is taxed.

An equal chance for a livelihood in public and private employment.

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The abolition of color-hyphenation and the substitution of straight Americanism.

To abolish legal injustice against negroes.

To stamp out race discriminations.

To assure to every citizen of color the common rights of American citizenship.

To emancipate in fact, as well as in name, a race of nearly 12,000,000 American born citizens.

To secure for colored children an equal opportunity to public school education through a fair apportionment of public education funds.

The report of the Association contains numerous editorials relative to Anti-lynching legislation, the Ku Klux Klan, the Arkansas negro murder cases, and an editorial on the Haitian investigation of 1920.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL [illegible]

With further reference to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, I am attaching hereto an additional memorandum containing information obtained from reports of this organization.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES.

The address of Walter White, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is 409 Edgecomb Avenue, Apartment 13 F, New York City.

J. E. H.
Director.

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September 8, 1930.

Honorable Oliver M. Pagon,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pagon:

With reference to your telephonic request of today, I am enclosing herewith a summary of the Bureau file on the Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

If there is any further service that I can be to you in this matter do not hesitate to let me know.

With expressions of my highest personal esteem, I remain

Cordially yours,

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September 5, 1920.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

This Association was organized in February, 1909 and incorporated in May, 1911 under the laws of the State of New York. Its national headquarters in April of this year were 69 - 5th Avenue, New York City. The official organ is known as "The Crisis", which is published monthly. In April of this year, the following were chosen as its National and Executive officers, Board of Directors and members of the National Legal Committee:

NATIONAL OFFICERS

President
Moorfield Storey

Vice-Presidents
Rev. John Haynes Holmes
Bishop John Hurst
Arthur B. Spingarn
Oswald Garrison Villard

Treasurer
J. E. Spingarn

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

James Weldon Johnson,
Secretary (on leave)
Walter White
Acting Secretary
Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Editor of The Crisis
Robert W. Bagnall,
Director of Branches
William Pickens,
Field Secretary
Daisy E. Lampkin,
Regional Field Secretary
Herbert J. Seligmann,
Director of Publicity

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

NEW ORLEANS
Dr. George E. Lewis

NEW YORK
Lillian A. Alexander
Rev. Matthew C. Bixby
Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Rev. John Haynes Holmes
Florence Kelley
Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
Ella Reeb Murray
John E. Nail
Arthur B. Spingarn
J. E. Spingarn
Charles H. Studin
William English Walling
Dr. Louis T. Wright

PHILADELPHIA
Rodney Thomas

BOSTON
Moorfield Storey

SPRINGFIELD
Rev. C. E. Miller

TOPEKA
Hon. Arthur Capper

WASHINGTON
Mamie E. Burroughs
Hon. Thomas A. Cobb
Prof. George William Cook
Charles Edward Russell
Noval H. Thomas

NATIONAL LEGAL COMMITTEE

Chairman
Arthur B. Spingarn

CHICAGO
Clarence Darrow

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.
Felix Frankfurter

CHARLESTON, S. Ca.
D. C. Richardson

NEW YORK
James Marshall
Rufus E. Stockton
Charles H. Studin

The purposes of this Association, according to its publications, are set forth as follows:

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

The procurement for Colored Americans of the equal rights of American Citizenship.

A future for every negro on the same terms as for white men and women.

An equal chance to acquire the kind of education that will enable a negro everywhere wisely to use his choice.

A fair trial in the courts for all crimes for which he is accused by judges in whose election he has participated without discrimination because of race.

A right to sit upon a jury which passes judgment upon him.

Defense against lynching and burning at the hands of mobs.

Equal service on railroad and other public carriers, including sleeping cars, dining cars, Pullman service, on the same terms as other passengers.

Welfare and defense of colored soldiers.

Equal right to use public parks, libraries, and other community services for which he is taxed.

An equal chance for a livelihood in public and private employment.

The abolition of color-hypocrisy and a substitution of straight Americanism.

To abolish legal injustice against negroes.

To stamp out race discriminations.

To assure to every citizen of color the common rights of American Citizenship.

To emancipate in fact, as well as in name, a race of nearly 12,000,000 American born citizens.

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National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peo

...p secure for colored children an equal opportunity
...p public school education through a fair apportionment
public education funds.

This organization has, for sometime, been active [illegible]
ing against and demanding prosecution of persons implicated in
the lynching of and attacks upon negroes in the United States.
has also engaged in the dissemination of propaganda against the
Ku Klux Klan, and has been active in support of the pro-posed
Dyer Anti-lynching Bill introduced in Congress by Congressman Dyer.

In the December 8, 1922 issue of the weekly publication "The Nation", there appeared a two page advertisement of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, headed "The Shame of America", this advertisement referring to the number of people lynched in the United States over a period of years, and advocated passage of the Dyer Anti-lynching Bill.

This organization has also been active in contesting propaganda for the liberation of those members of the 24th United States Infantry who were imprisoned in the Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary for participation in the race riots in Houston, Texas, in 1917, the 24th Infantry being a negro regiment. In the first week of October, 1921 a delegation of colored men and women headed by James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, bearing a petition said to be signed by 50,000 persons, called upon President Harding, urging for the pardon of those members of the 24th U. S. Infantry who were confined in the Leavenworth Penitentiary for their participation in the Houston, Texas riot.

At an annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, held from August 30 to September 5, 1923, at Kansas City, Kansas, resolutions were passed in which it was stated that this was the 14th annual conference of the organization, asking that the 14th and 15th amendments to the United States Constitution be made something more than a scrap of paper, and that the negro be granted the ballot in the South upon the same

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

conditions, and with the same qualifications, as are imposed upon all other citizens. The resolutions asked that the [illegible] the United States to withdraw from the Republic of Haiti [illegible] ly seized in 1915 and since then lawlessly held by [illegible] superior force". The resolutions also contained the following: "We ask that the American people demand the release of the 14 members of the 24th Infantry now interned in the [illegible] Federal Penitentiary for their connection with the Houston, Texas, riots, in 1917, a riot provoked by continued insults and brutality, and finally by violence perpetrated upon colored men wearing the uniform of the United States and dedicated to the service of their country in war time". The resolutions also stated, "We desire to reiterate our insistence upon the following program

"1. Complete and full citizenship rights for the American Negro in the exercise of the ballot, before the law, in the courts, in the protection and identity of life and property rights, in the use and in the accommodations of public conveyances and in places of public resort whether railroads, street cars, restaurants or places of amusement.

"2. Respect for the colored American citizens as an individual in accordance with his achievements and his merit, and respect for the race in view of its progress of half a century unparalleled anywhere in the world at any time.

"We denounce the use of the word Negro in connection with crime in newspaper headlines giving the malignantly false impression that the Negro is more prone to commit crime than any other race and especially the lie that the Negro is by nature a rapist.

"We make this appeal to the people of the United States in the interest of our beloved country, realizing as all good citizens will realize that race hatred and prejudice founded upon ignorance and oppression are dangerous to every citizen, white and black, and that it is the duty of every citizen to cooperate with us in holding that true Americanism consists in tolerance, respect and a determination to uphold the human as well as the citizenship rights of every man and woman whatever race or creed.

"This Conference unanimously resolves that this program be [illegible]

National Association for the Advancement of Colored P[illegible]

to the President of the United [illegible]
and that it be given the Press of the country.

Reports of the Association contain historical [illegible]
relative to anti-lynching legislation, the activities of the
Du Bois Club, legal cases in Arkansas and Alabama and
the Haiti investigation of 1920 and highlights from

April 4, 1932.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOSTON.

[redacted] of the Criminal Division, called me and stated that it was desired by the Attorney General that [redacted] and I confer with the Secretary of the Association for the Advancement of Colored People regarding a case which apparently constitutes a violation of a criminal law. b7C

[redacted] later called and said that he had ascertained that there was no Federal Statute applicable to this situation and, therefore, he did not desire to confer with me.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois
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Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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There is attached hereto a memorandum prepared by Special Agent [redacted] concerning information received from one [redacted]

This is transmitted for your information.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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Att.

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Chicago Illinois
1900 Bankers Building
July 4,1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE M.H.PURVIS

[redacted] communicated with the writer by telephone on the afternoon of July fourth,1933 at which time he stated that a meeting was held on July 2,1933 at the Savoy Ball Room,47th and South Parkway Chicago by the American Association for Advancement of the Colored People; that the principal speaker was Professor Paul H.Douglas,of the University of Chicago;that a resolution was adopted whereby the above association expressed an intention of appealing to the League of Nations unless President Roosevelt accedes to a series of demands made in the name of the negroes of America as follows:(1)that the negroes be allotted representation on the Labor Advisory Board,under the Industrial Recovery Public Works Act;(2) strategic positions in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation;(3) Federal Seed and Fertilizer Loan Boards and (4) to other State and Federal Boards dealing with Agriculture, Industry ,Education and Reforestration.

[redacted] desired to be informed whether the above demands might be considered treason in the event it could be established that the funds for the Colored Association referred to above,were furnished by individuals and organizations not located in the United States.He was specifically interrogated concerning any information which he possessed relative thereto and advised that he does not possess any definite information at the present time but that he is of the opinion that he can procure same. [redacted] was informed that from the facts related above it does not appear that any violation of a Federal statute has occurred but that this Bureau will be glad to receive any information which might indicate that individuals or organizations are actually entering into a conspiracy against the United States Government.

V.W.P.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted] Special Agent

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Sub-Committee on Racketeering,
Suite 345, Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 11, 1934, in which you request the services of a Special Agent to obtain information concerning the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and further requesting information concerning the treasurer, as well as an agent of that organization.

An examination has been made of the files of this Division and it is found that no investigation has been made by the Special Agents of this Division.

However, due to the fact that this Division has no authority to initiate any investigation of any organization or individual unless such organization or individual is charged with the violation of a Federal Statute and, since your letter does not disclose any facts indicating such a violation, it is regretted that this Division can not proceed with any investigation of this matter.

The inclosure, which accompanied your letter, consisting of a blank payment and receipt form, is being returned herewith for your files.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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February 11,1934

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director U.S.Division of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please detail a Special Agent to give me available information on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, with headquarters at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City. I would also like information on Mary White Ovington, Treasurer of the organization; and C.W. Covington, whose name appears on the attached blank, who is apparently an agent for the organization.

Very truly yours

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December 17, 1935

Mr. Charles Banks,
c/o National Association for Advancement
of Colored People,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of December 8, 1935, quoting a copy of a resolution which was mailed by your association to Chief of Police Hugh D. Harper of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

For your information, the jurisdiction of this Bureau is restricted to the investigation of violations of specified Federal Statutes, and the collecting of evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest. The facts outlined in your communication do not indicate a violation of any Federal Statute within this Bureau's jurisdiction, and accordingly, it will not be possible to take any action.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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December 8, 1935

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief of the Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir:

We are mailing to you the following copy of the resolution which we mailed to Chief Hugh D. Harper, a few days ago.

Because it has been brought to the attention of the grievance committee of the N. A. A. C. P., that inspector I. B. Bruce has made the statement to certain colored persons of Colorado Springs that he has the names of all colored men and boys that are keeping company with white women. We are challenging him to furnish us with names of the dame, also, we would like him to furnish us the names of all white men that are keeping company with colored women, and explain to us why he allows colored women of questionable character to approach white men on the streets of our city, and when our better class of women report to them about white men following and molesting them either day or night that these women are in turn insulted or ridiculed by the police department.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we the members of the grievance committee, of the N. A. A. C. P., demand that Chief Harper and Inspecter Bruce, the eagle eye, make a public statement before the Colorado Springs Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., as to why they can't arrest white men for insults to colored women as well as to arrest or detain colored men for insults to white women. Also, why they allow their secretary and other, police officers to call our women wenches and whores, regardless of their character.

Be it resolved, that copies of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this organization, and also a copy of the same be sent to the following:

National Headquarters of the N. A. A. C. P.
The Police chief of Colorado Springs
The Mayor of Colorado Springs
The City Manager of Colorado Springs
Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
Associated Press
Denver Post, Denver, Colo.
Associated Negro Press
Governor Johnson
President Franklin D. Roosevelt
J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of Justice
Ministerial Alliance of Colorado Springs.

Respectively submitted,
Charles Banks
chaiman of Committee

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March 1, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

RE: LEAGUE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF THE COLORED RACE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of January 8, 1941, in the above-entitled matter.

A review of the files discloses that your office has failed to handle this matter promptly. The Bureau is considerably concerned over your continued delinquency in this investigation and desires to be advised by return mail when a report may be expected.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 4, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: LEAGUE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF THE COLORED RACE
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of March 1, 1941, in the above-captioned case. The Bureau may expect a report in this case not later than March 12, 1941.

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge

RSW:MAS
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Investigation has disclosed that the correct title for this organization is The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. An investigation has been conducted and accordingly, I am transmitting herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Washington, D. C., March 11, 1941, in the matter styled THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE; INTERNAL SECURITY (C).

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As additional reports are received, copies will be forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WASHINGTON, D. C.	1-11-41	62-21,22,23-41	[redacted]
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE			INTERNAL SECURITY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Referred to Federal Investigative Service

[redacted] The NAACP established in 1909, is a national inter-racial organization composed of 330 local branches and 122 college and youth groups in 44 states with headquarters in New York City. Its aim is to secure full citizenship rights for the negro by legal and other recognized ethical methods and frequently by vigorous protestation of alleged discriminations. The publicity organ of NAACP is the "Crisis", a monthly publication. Indication of increased communist tendencies among some local branches and officers. The various local connections with the communist party and other communist controlled organizations determine extent of subversive activities NAACP may be engaged in.

DETAILS: Bureau letter dated January 8, 1941.

It should be noted that the title of this case was formerly changed to the Advancement of Colored People. During course of investigation in this case it was established that the correct title of said organization is the National Association

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

According to a newspaper clipping from the Washington Star dated February 23, 1934, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was organized following the race riot of 1908 at Springfield, Illinois. WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING suggested an organization for the protection of the colored race. A call was sent out by OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD. Among those responding were JANE ADDAMS, LILLIAN D. WALD, JOHN DEWEY, Rabbi STEPHEN WISE, and SAMUEL BOWLES.

On Lincoln's birthday, 1909, a Committee of Forty was formed for carrying out the purposes of the organization. In 1934 the NAACP had three hundred seventy-five branches and a membership of about eighty thousand. In 1911 the NAACP declared through its organ, the "Crisis" that it is an organization of persons who believe that the present prejudice against colored races and particularly

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the denial of rights and opportunities to millions of Americans of negro descent is not only unjust and a menace to our free institution but also is a direct hindrance to world peace and the realization of human brotherhood.

At this time its methods of accomplishing its purposes were stated as:

1. A lecture bureau.
2. A bureau of legal assistance.
3. A bureau of information.
4. A bureau of publicity and research.

In the second annual report of the NAACP dated January 1, 1912, which is on file in the Library of Congress, its purposes were stated as follows:

"The NAACP seeks to uplift the colored man and woman of this country by securing to them the full enjoyment of their rights as citizens. Justice in all courts and equality of opportunity everywhere. It favors and aims to aid every kind of education among them save that which teaches special privilege or prerogative class or caste. It recognizes the national character of the negro problem and no sectionalism. It believes in the upholding of the Constitution of the United States and its administration in the spirit of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. It upholds the doctrine of 'all men up and no man down.' It abhors negro crime but still more the conditions which breed crime and most of all the crimes committed in the mockery of the law. It believes that the scientific truths of the negro problem must be available before the country can see its way clear to righting existing wrongs. It has no other belief than the best way to uplift the colored man is the best way to aid the white man to peace and social content; it has no other desire than exact justice, and no other motive than humanity."

Today the NAACP states that full citizenship rights for the negro is the rock upon which it is established. It claims to be an international organization, membership in which is open to all who believe in equality of mankind. The association has 350 branches and 122 college and youth groups in 44 states. The national headquarters is at 69 5th Avenue, New York City.

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The NAACP today states its aims:

1. The end of lynching
2. The ending of disfranchisement
3. The abolition of injustice in legal procedure based solely upon color or race.
4. Equitable distribution of funds for public education.
5. Abolition of segregation and discrimination, insult and in humiliation based upon race or color.
6. Equality of opportunity to work in all fields with equal pay for equal work.
7. Abolition of discrimination against negroes in the right of collective bargaining through membership in organized labor unions.
8. The ending of peonage and the debt slavery of southern share-croppers and tenant farmers.
9. Abolition of segregation in the Army and Navy. (~~It will be noted that this is a new aim which has only recently~~ appeared ~~as one of the stated ends of the NAACP.~~)

Present Aims

According to its own statement the principal achievements of the NAACP have been:

"1. A continuous war on lynching by writing, lecturing, mass demonstrations and the fights for the passage of the Dyer anti-lynching bill in 1922 and the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill in 1934 and 1935. The campaign led by the NAACP resulted in the passage of the Gavagan anti-lynching bill in the House on April 15, 1937, by a vote of 277-119. The bill was taken up November 15, 1937, at the special session and debated for six days, when it was displaced by the farm bill. By agreement, it came up for debate January 6, 1938, and from that date to February 21, southern senators engineered a lengthy filibuster which resulted in the bill's being laid aside. The filibuster cost American taxpayers $460,000. The bill was reintroduced in the 76th Congress in January, 1939, being sponsored in the House by Representative JOSEPH A. GAVAGAN, and in the Senate by Senators ROBERT F. WAGNER, FREDERICK VAN NUYS and ARTHUR CAPPER.

2. The NAACP has won twelve out of thirteen cases before the highest court of the land. It has won the following U.S. supreme court decisions aiding colored people: Grandfather Clause disfranchising

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Negroes declared unconstitutional in 1915; Louisville Resid... Segregation ordinanace held unconstitutional in 1917; Arkansas sharecropper riot victims freed (12 from death, 67 from long term and life imprisonment) when trial in mob-dominated court was held not due process of law in 1923; Texas white primary law barring Negroes by statute from Democratic primaries held unconstitutional in 1927; New Orleans segregation law held unconstitutional in 1927; Texas white primary law (second case) barring Negroes by enabling act from Democratic primaries held unconstitutional in 1932. These memorable victories were achieved at the remarkably low cost of $31,193.92; largely due to generosity of members of the national legal staff and other lawyers who contributed their services.

In the JESS HOLLINS case arising in Oklahoma, which was won by the association before the U. S. supreme court in 1935, the opinion of the court in the Scottsboro cases was sustained: That HOLLINS had been convicted by a jury from which Negroes had been systematically excluded. A similar decision was obtained in 1937 when a new trial was secured for JOE ...ALE, convicted by an all-white jury in McCracken County, Kentucky.

On December 12, 1938, the supreme court ruled in the case of GAINES vs. University of Missouri that the University of Missouri must either admit LLOYD GAINES, a Negro student, to its law school, or the state of Missouri must provide equal accommodations for the training of Negro graduate and professional students. The court held that out-of-state scholarships did not answer the constitutional requirement of equal rights and that states must provide equal training within their borders.

In 1937, the association secured a re-trial as a result of the United States supreme court decision in the case of ED BROWN, HENRY SHIELDS and YANK ELLINGTON, Negro sharecroppers who were convicted of murder by the supreme court of Mississippi in the death of RAYMOND STEWART, April 4, 1934. The United States supreme court decision was based on the fact that the only evidence against these three men was procured through coercion and brutality. The court held unanimously "The rack and torture chamber may not be substituted for the witness chair."

The latest victory was won on May 22, 1939 when the United States supreme court ruled in the case of LANE vs. WILSON that the

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Oklahoma registration law discriminating against Negroes was [illegible]. Mr. Justice FRANKFURTER, speaking for the court about the Fif[illegible] Amendment stated: 'The amendment nullifies sophisticated as [illegible] as simple-minded modes of discrimination.'

3. It was the first national organization to raise the question of the right of Negroes to sit on juries in the Arkansas sharecropper case, 1919-1923.

4. With a group of other national organizations, the NAACP is a member of the joint national Scottsboro Defense Committee which is carrying on the fight to free the world's most famous defendants.

5. It launched and has continued the fight to abolish the system of lily-white Democratic primaries in the South. The association believes that free and independent use of the ballot is the right of every citizen in America.

6. In 1932 it twice investigated slave labor conditions on the Mississippi levees and won increases of $100,000 weekly for 25,000 Negro workers, shorter hours and better conditions. Similar efforts were made in connection with other great public works such as Boulder Dam and TVA. TVA was investigated in 1938 and the evicence of discrimination against Negroes was presented to the joint committee of the U. S. Congress investigating TVA.

7. It has everywhere fought school segregation and discrimination in the allotment of educational monies to Negro schools. Lawyers for the association secured a ruling by the Maryland court of Appeals in January, 1936, which opened the doors of the University of Maryland law school to Negro students. This fight is being continued in Maryland where the third Negro was admitted in 1939. Similar cases are to be filed in Tennessee and Missouri.

The campaign to equalize the salaries of Negro and white teachers has spread to Maryland, Virginia, Florida, Alabama and Kentucky. As the result of two court cases, salaries have been equalized in nine out of twenty-three counties in Maryland, which means an additional $100,000 a year on the pay checks of Maryland school teachers. One additional case is pending in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, Maryland, and another in the federal court in Maryland.

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8. Under the New Deal it fought at great expense all sorts of discrimination against Negro workers and persons on relief under the NRA, PWA, WPA, etc.

9. It has fought discrimination against Negroes in both federal and state civil service and is continuing its fight against discrimination in organized labor."

According to information received from the local branch of the NAACP at 1011 U Street, N.W., by reporting agent under suitable pretext, the various local branches of the organization operate in the following way:

When trouble is spotted or information sought, the local office is notified. The trouble-spotter or information-seeker reports to a full time clerk. By a regular system the secretary of the branch refers the matter to an appropriate committee--Legal, Labor, Education, or Youth. The Press Committee sees that the reading public is aroused; the Entertainment Committee provides fund raising and continual activities. The works of the branch are dove-tailed by a very alert Executive Committee fully representative of the groups which pay for the branch's operations.

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So it would appear that the NAACP is divided itself between the conservative approach to the negro program as advanced by BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, and the more radical program advocated by W. E. B. DUBOIS.

A review of the Bureau files on the NAACP indicates that prior to 1935 a concerted effort was made to keep politics out of the organization but since about the middle of 1935 increasing communistic tendencies are noticeable among minor local branches in the national administration of the NAACP. In July, 1938, the NAACP went on record at its annual convention in Columbus, Ohio, as saying that in the future it would cooperate with other groups on specific issues. It is known that the NAACP has allied itself with the National Negro Congress, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the American People's Mobilization and other communist front organizations on specific issues in several respects.

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Furthermore, it is apparent from the investigation conducted in this case that any subversive or un-American activities which the NAACP may be engaged in are determined for the most part by the local relationship of its various branches with the local communistic element.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, will endeavor to obtain a membership list and list of officers of the NAACP. It will be noted that the national headquarters of this organization is 69 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 11, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Internal Security (C)

Dear Sir:

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[redacted] Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted], of this office dated March 11, 1941 in the above captioned case.

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Director
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
March 11, 1941

The extent to which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People may be engaged in subversive activities seems to be determined by the various local connections of the three hundred fifty branches of the organization with the Communist Party or Communist front organizations. It does not seem feasible to make a nation-wide investigation to determine to what extent, if any, each of the three hundred fifty local branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is connected with the Communist Party.

Therefore, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, this case will be closed by the Washington Field Office upon the completion of the outstanding lead to the New York Field Division to attempt to secure a membership list of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. [redacted]

Referred to Naval Investigative Service

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Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge

RSW:JAG
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 13, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Dear Sir:

b7C [redacted] Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] of this office, dated March 11, 1941, in the above captioned case.

Your attention is invited to page 12, third paragraph, fourth line of reference report. The words "court arrests" in this line should read "Corps Areas". Also, in the second line of the fourth paragraph, of page 12, the words "colored troubles" should read "colored troops".

Reference is further made to a letter from this office to the Bureau in the above captioned case, dated March 11, 1941. On page 3, the second paragraph, the word "seeking", the first word in the seventh line, should be "checking".

The above corrections have been made in the copies of reference report and reference letter at this office.

The New York office, which has received copies of reference report, is being requested to make the appropriate corrections.

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Very truly yours,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge

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April 30, 1941

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Mr. J. L. LeFlore
Chairman
Regional Conference of Southern Branches
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
Post Office Box 1091
Mobile, Alabama

61-3176

Dear Mr. LeFlore:

Your communication dated April 28, 1941, has been received, and in accordance with your request, I am pleased to enclose a copy of the latest issue of the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin, which is the only compilation of statistics prepared by this Bureau for general distribution. I am also enclosing other material which I thought you might find of assistance.

The air mail postage stamp which you so thoughtfully provided is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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AIR MAIL

Monday
April 28
1941

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Will you be kind enough to rush to us by return air mail available information with regard to homicides and other major crimes, and the percentage of such crime that are committed by colored people.

In view of the fact that the information is desired for a discussion to be held on Thursday, May 1st we shall appreciate your sending us the same at once. In order to facilitate the dispatch of the matter, we ar enclosing herewith an air mail stamp, which may be used on your letter to us.

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy, I am

Most sincerely yours,

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J. L. LeFlore
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TITLE

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Organization reported to have made unreasonable demands on Superintendent of Schools, Arlington County, Virginia to provide better school facilities for colored children in Arlington County, Virginia. Officers of organization - Mrs. ESTHER I. COOPER, President; Reverend CHARLES GREEN, Vice-president; JESSE R. POLLARD, secretary; JAMES L. WASHINGTON, treasurer, all residing Arlington County, Virginia. [redacted] believes organization not engaged in un-American activities; however, expressed belief that organization may have Communistic tendencies.

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DETAILS:

The investigation in this case is predicated upon information received from [redacted] advised that he believed an organization known as the Bi-Partisan League in Arlington County, Virginia was un-American.

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BY [illegible] - JEA

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67D [redacted] this organization had made unreasonable demands to build schools for the colored children in Arlington County, Virginia. He stated that it was his opinion that this organization was seeking to stir up the racial question amont the colored and that upon investigation might be found to be un-American.

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67D [redacted]

67D { [redacted] when interviewed advised that the right name of the organization is the Arlington, Virginia Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He stated that since 1941 this organization has been making demands on the Office of the Superintendent of Schools to provide better school facilities for the children in Arlington County, Virginia.

He stated that there were approximately 3000 colored people residing in Arlington County, Virginia out of a total population of 65,000; that there were about 304 colored children attending school in the Arlington Schools. He stated that 211 of these children were attending elementary school; that 73 were attending junior high school and that 20 were attending senior high school.

He stated that there was no colored school at Arlington, Virginia and that the Arlington Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had made demands [redacted] separate elementary school, a separate junior high school and a separate senior high school. [redacted]

67D He stated that the organization has had several meetings at Arlington, Virginia [redacted] regarding the school situation. [redacted] the address of the organization as 500 South Veitch Street, Arlington, Virginia and its officers as Mrs. ESTHER I. COOPER, president; Reverend CHARLES GREEN, vice-president; JESSE R. POLLARD, secretary; JAMES L. WASHINGTON, treasurer.

He stated that the officers of this organization all reside in Arlington County. [redacted]

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[redacted] a mimeographed pamphlet addressed to the citizens of Arlington County, Virginia from the Arlington Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and this mimeographed pamphlet extended an invitation to the citizens of Arlington County to attend a meeting on Friday, April 25 at Mount Zion Baptist Church, South Arlington Ridge Road, Arlington, Virginia. This pamphlet pointed out that there is no accredited senior high school for negro students in Arlington County, Virginia and called on the citizens of Arlington County to attend this meeting.

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[redacted] expressed doubt as to the organization being presently engaged in un-American activities but stated that the organization may, however, have Communistic tendencies. He was unable to furnish any information as to the source of the organization's money. He advised that he would endeavor to obtain information as to the source of the organization's money and also endeavor to obtain other information regarding the organization.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION:

AT ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA:

67D { [redacted] Will re-contact [redacted] for the purpose of obtaining any additional information he may have regarding this organization.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 24, 1941

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Time 10:12 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

b7C [redacted] of MID called to inquire whether we had any information regarding a march by a group of negroes on the City of Washington. I told him we had received information which we sent to the White House and that I would have someone furnish him the information in our possession immediately.

Very truly yours,

Edward A. Tamm

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Birmingham, Alabama
July 11, 1941

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT
OF COLORED PEOPLE

Dear Sir:

An item appeared in the Birmingham Age-Herald of June 25, 1941, reflecting that WALTER WHITE of this Association was active with a plan for a negro "March of Jobs" on Washington, July 1, 1941.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People organized in Honolulu, 2/19/41, under direction of A. PARKE WILLIAMS.

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Reference: Bureal telegram entitled "COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS; INTERNAL SECURITY - R," dated July 27, 1941.

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Information in the possession of [redacted] reflects that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a Communist-dominated organization, is attempting to organize a branch of this organization in Honolulu. This organization, while fighting for Negro rights, has virtually won the friendship of many negroes who are themselves opposed to the red movement, but who believe this organization to be purely an altruistic agency without radical or political motivation.

An article from the Honolulu "Star-Bulletin" of February 13, 1941, states that one A. PARKE WILLIAMS is organizing a branch of the NAACP in Honolulu and that one of the first objectives of this organization will be to investigate two recent cases of race discrimination occurring in Honolulu cafes. WILLIAMS stated that the membership of the NAACP is to be inter-racial, and disclosed that many of the nation's best known Caucasian writers and professional people are present members of this organization. This article further

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related that the next organizational meeting is to be held Sunday, February 15, 1941, at the Esquire Cafe on Queen Street, opposite Pier 14, Honolulu. An article in the Hawaii "Hochi" of February 21, 1941, provides similar information, and further relates that A. PARKE WILLIAMS is making a special tour of the Isles. WILLIAMS reveals that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is composed of 40,000 members on the mainland and that it fights for the advancement of all colored people, whether Negro, Japanese, Chinese or others.

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[redacted] was unable to supply any further information on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

HONOLULU FIELD DIVISION

At Honolulu, T.H.

Will ascertain whether or not the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has become an actively-functioning organization in the Territory of Hawaii.

Will determine the identity of the officers and members, as well as the activities in which the organization may presently be engaged.

Will also endeavor to secure specific evidence of the relationship between this organization and the Communist Party.

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CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION [illegible] MENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Summary report of the activities of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People in the State of Oklahoma.

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This report is based upon the Bureau letter of August 11, 1941, requesting submission of information to reflect Communist Party domination of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People. This association first came to the attention of the Oklahoma City Field Division by means of information contained in the official program of the Sixth Annual Session of the Oklahoma Conference of Branches, National Association for Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.). This official program listed a meeting of the N.A.A.C.P. at the First Baptist Church in Ardmore, Oklahoma April 25-26, 1940, with Professor C. D. TATE of Tulsa, presiding, and with a conference slogan of "On to Philadelphia". On Thursday evening, ROSCOE DUNJEE, President of the State Conference, presided at the evening meeting.

An Agent of this office contacted [redacted] indicating Communistic leanings

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on the part of many persons, included among which was [redacted] concerning which a separate report is being submitted to the Bureau.

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[redacted] All of these above organizations have definite Communistic connections and have been rather completely dominated by the Communists.

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On the official program of the April 25-26, 1940 meeting of the N.A.A.C.P., VILONA CUTLER, Executive Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was listed to make an address, entitled "Against the Tide".

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[redacted] An Oklahoma City Times article, dated November 13, 1940, entitled, "Sociology Dean to Speak Here", in which Governor PHILLIPS criticised the members of the civil liberties organization as being misguided, VILONA CUTLER was listed as being one on the sponsoring committee, along with the names of some known radicals on the same committee.

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Speaking at the N.A.A.C.P. meeting, April 25-26, 1940, was also OTIS G. NATION, Director, Oklahoma Tenant Farmers Union, who

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was listed to speak on the tenant and share-croppers problems. [redacted]

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On the official program of the Fourth Annual Session of the Oklahoma Youth Councils of the N.A.A.C.P. for April 27, 1940, at Ardmore, Oklahoma, there is listed the theme of this session as being "Youth Preparing for Jobs Today and Tomorrow". NENA BETH STAPP was Chairman for discussion on peace. [redacted]

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Chairmans of the discussion, "What can be done to encourage inter-racial cooperation?" were BLANCHE FOUSHEE and WINARD NORMAN.

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PAUL STAUFFER was listed as a Chairman of the same meeting, April 27, 1940, being Chairman of the discussion, "What can be done to organize negro unions or to stimulate negro participation in organized unions?"

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